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ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

1. Claims 1-74 are presented for examination.
2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - a. Claims 1-29 and 45-74, Group I, drawn to method and apparatus for establishing communication session for multiply interconnected networks, which is classified in class 709, subclasses 227, 245 or 249.
 - b. Claims 30-44, Group II, drawn to apparatus for establishing internet-based telephony with capability of automatic detection and switching for an incoming voice or facsimile messages, which is classified in class 379, subclasses 900-905.
3. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because: Inventions Group I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as useable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately useable. In the instant case, invention Group II has separate utility such as internet-based telephony for both voice and fax. See MPEP 806.05(d).

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